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GONE EVIL?!



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The Black Arms were a race of alien marauders that had attacked Sonic's world long ago. Despite superior bio-technology and numbers, they were stopped when Shadow the Hedgehog defeated their leader and central hive-mind, Black Doom, and blew up their traveling homeworld, the Black Comet.

A mysterious new Black Comet has arrived, bearing more Black Arms. Without taking any chances, Team Dark and G.U.N.'s Spider Troupe have embarked on a mission to blow up the new Black Comet and stop the mysterious aliens from initiating another attack.

But traps have been sprung! Team Dark and Spider Troupe are locked in a room with a paralyzing nerve gas! And Shadow is confronted by a new, but strangely familiar, foe...



WHO'S WHO



**SHADOW
THE HEDGEHOG**
THE ULTIMATE LIFEFORM



ROUGE THE BAT
SUPER SPY



E-123 OMEGA
ROGUE BADNIK



**ECLIPSE
THE DARKLING**
???

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EVERYTHING IS
PROCEEDING BETTER
THAN I HAD DARED
HOPE!

THE HUMANS AND
THEIR BOMB ARE TRAPPED.
ANY MINUTE NOW THEY WILL
SUCCUMB TO THE NERVE
AGENT BEING PUMPED INTO
THE ROOM, AND THEN MY
CHILDREN WILL FEED.

BLACK DEATH
BLACK ARMS
LEADER

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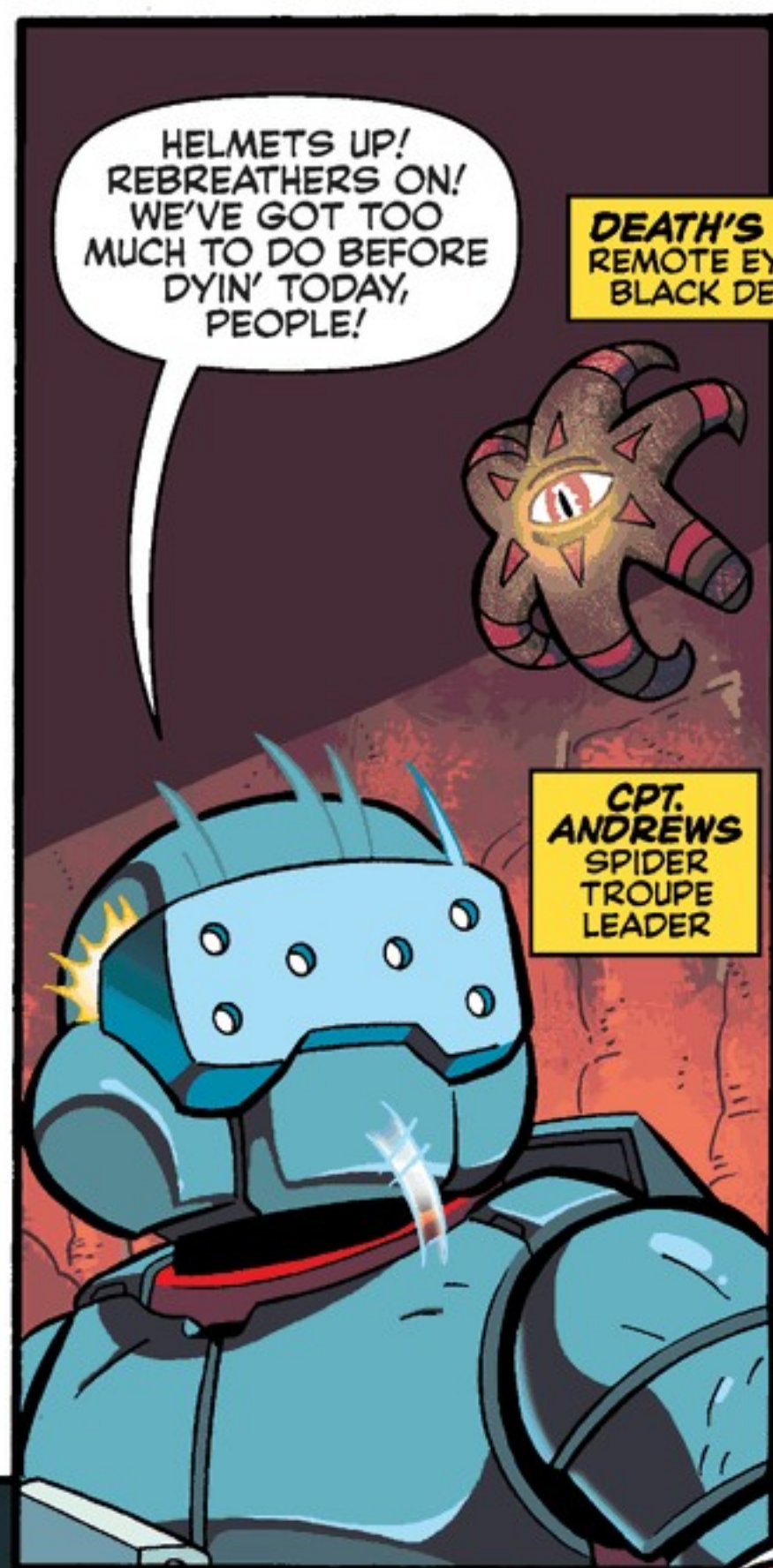
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PART TWO: A SHADOW IN THE DARK

AND THE TRAITOR,
SHADOW, IS ALREADY AT
THE MERCY OF MY CHAMPION.
ECLIPSE WILL ENACT OUR
REVENGE, AND THEN NOTHING
WILL STOP US FROM
HARVESTING ALL LIFE ON
THIS PLANET.





HELMETS UP!
REBREATHERS ON!
WE'VE GOT TOO
MUCH TO DO BEFORE
DYIN' TODAY,
PEOPLE!

DEATH'S EYE
REMOTE EYE OF
BLACK DEATH

**CPT.
ANDREWS**
SPIDER
TROUPE
LEADER



I TOLD
THAT IDIOT WE
SHOULD'VE HAD
THESE ON FROM
THE START!

BUT THEN ALIENS WOULDN'T
HAVE WASTED THEIR TIME
TRYING TO GAS US. NOW
WE'VE GOT SOME TIME
WHILE THEY FIGURE OUT
A NEW PLAN.

ROUGE
TEAM
DARK
SPY

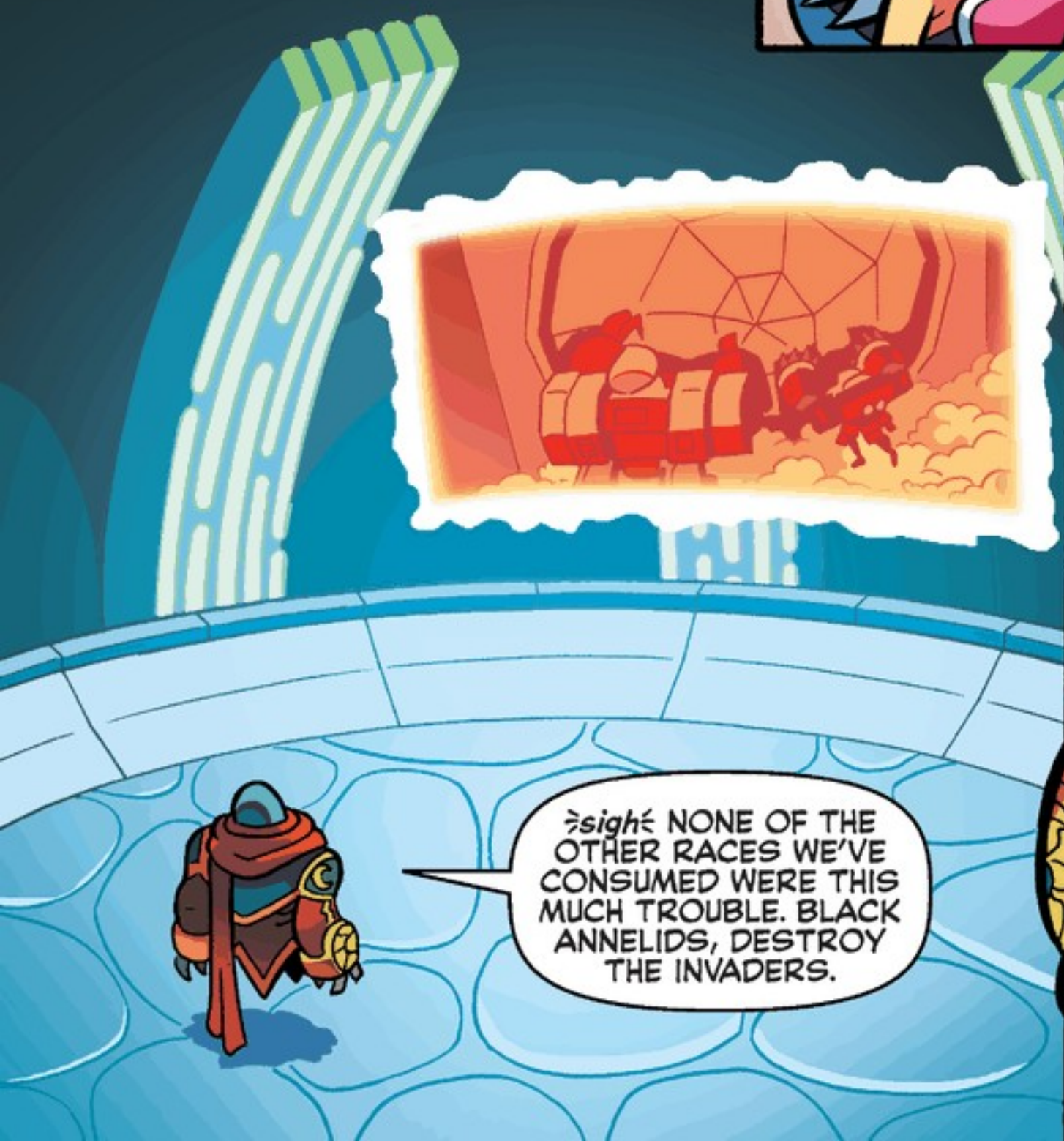


TYPICAL
"MILITARY
INTELLIGENCE."
HOW'RE YOU
DOING,
TIN MAN?

I DO NOT
POSSESS THE
MEAT SACKS YOU
CALL "LUNGS,"
AND SO I DO NOT
SUFFER LIMITATIONS
LIKE "BREATHING"
OR THE IMPAIR-
MENT OF SUCH.

"I'M FINE"
WOULD'VE
WORKED,
TOO.

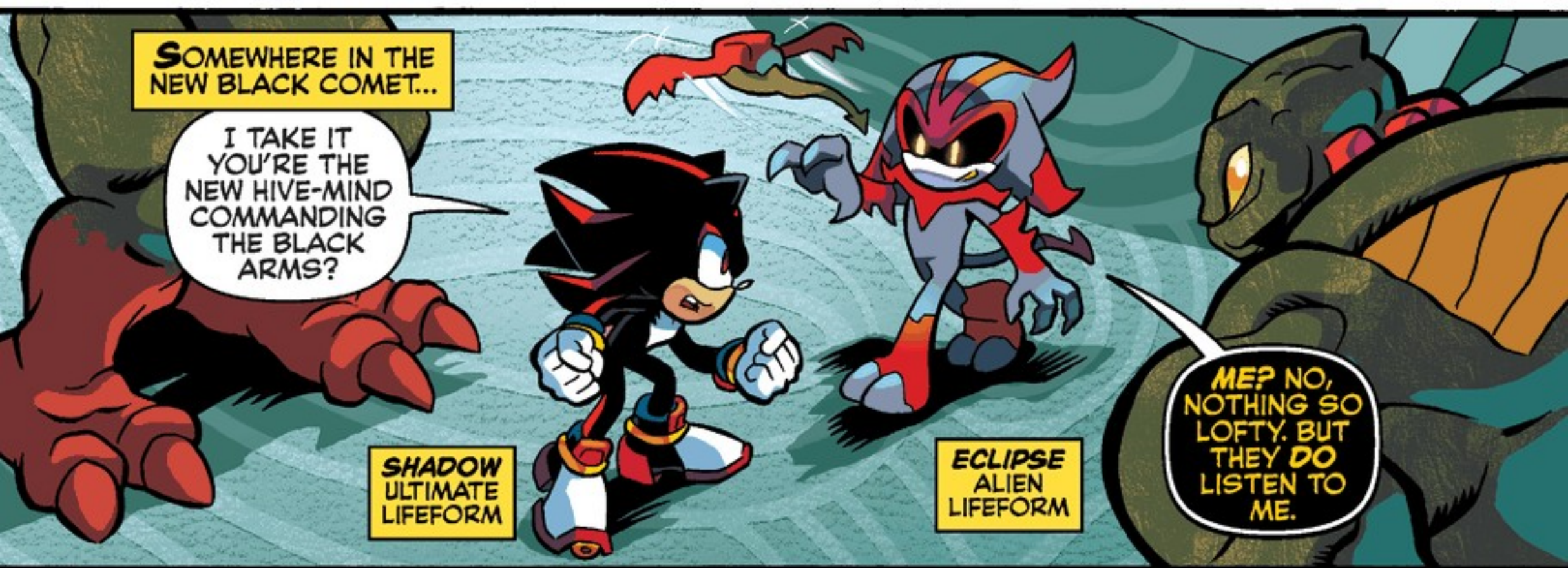
OMEGA
TEAM
DARK
ARSENAL



≥sigh≤ NONE OF THE
OTHER RACES WE'VE
CONSUMED WERE THIS
MUCH TROUBLE. BLACK
ANNELIDS, DESTROY
THE INVADERS.



DEATH'S EYE, STAY WITH THEM.
I AM GOING TO **PERSONALLY**
ENSURE ECLIPSE GETS THE
JOB DONE. I FEAR HE'S STILL
FIXATED ON "CONVERTING"
SHADOW.



SOMEWHERE IN THE
NEW BLACK COMET...

I TAKE IT
YOU'RE THE
NEW HIVE-MIND
COMMANDING
THE BLACK
ARMS?

SHADOW
ULTIMATE
LIFEFORM

ECLIPSE
ALIEN
LIFEFORM

ME? NO,
NOTHING SO
LOFTY. BUT
THEY DO
LISTEN TO
ME.



THEN LISTEN TO
ME. ALL OF YOU GET
OUT OF MY WAY AND
SPARE YOURSELVES
A BEATING.

Ah, AND SAVE
US FOR THAT
BOMB OF YOURS?
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND
IF I'M NOT INCLINED
TO HELP YOU OUT.

Hmph. AT LEAST
YOU'VE KEPT YOUR
TROOPS OFF MY
BACK SO I CAN
CHAOS--

--CONTROL?
WHAT...WHY ISN'T
IT WORKING?!

YOU'RE IN
MY WORLD
NOW. YOU
LIVE--AND
DIE--
BY MY
RULES!

ELSEWHERE IN THE
NEW BLACK COMET...

IT'S NO USE, SIR.
THAT DOORWAY IS
SEALED TIGHT.

I CAN BLOW
OPEN A NEW
DOOR.

AND OPEN US
UP TO WHATEVER-
THE-HECK IS OUT
THERE? NO THANKS.
WHAT WE'RE GOING
TO DO IS--



RUN-AND-GUN!
DON'T LET THEM
TARGET YOU!
THEY'RE LIVING
MISSILE-
LAUNCHERS!



GIGA
TROOPER!
SECURE THE
NUKE! SPIDER
TROUPE! FORM
UP ON ME!

OMEGA! CHANGE IN PLANS!
MAKE US A DOOR!

WITH
GUSTO!





THERE ARE ISLANDS OF LAND THREE STORIES DOWN.

IN WE GO, SPIDER TROUPE! CONTROLLED BURSTS WITH YOUR ROCKET PACKS--SAVE YOUR FUEL!

HOLD ON!

BRAT-AT-AT-AT



WE CAN'T MOVE ON WITHOUT SHADOW!

ARE YOU KIDDING? **HE** LEFT **US** BEHIND! HE WAS OUR GUIDE, AND **HE** LEFT **US** TO BE AMBUSHED!

HE WAS SCOUTING AHEAD! HE MAY HAVE BEEN AMBUSHED AS WELL!



WELL THEN HE CAN USE HIS TELEPORTING AND CREEPY MIND-LINK TO FIND US! WE MORTALS ARE LEAVING THIS DEATH-TRAP!

Budda Budda

BUT--!



DON'T WORRY ABOUT SHADOW. HE IS **ALMOST** AS STRONG AS ME. HE WILL BE FINE.

Budda Budda

YEAH-YEAH-YEAH. DOWN WE GO.

Budda





WHICH WAY NOW, SIR?

PULL UP THE MISSION MAP. WE'LL PUSH FOR THE INTERIOR, LAY THE BOMB AND--

SIR, I THINK OUR COORDINATES ARE NO LONGER ACCURATE. NAVIGATION SENSORS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SCRAMBLED.

IF ONLY WE HAD SOMEONE WITH INSIGHT INTO THIS PLACE WHO COULD HELP US. Oh, RIGHT! YOU LEFT HIM BEHIND!

DON'T START WITH ME, LADY. I'M HEAD OF THIS UNIT--

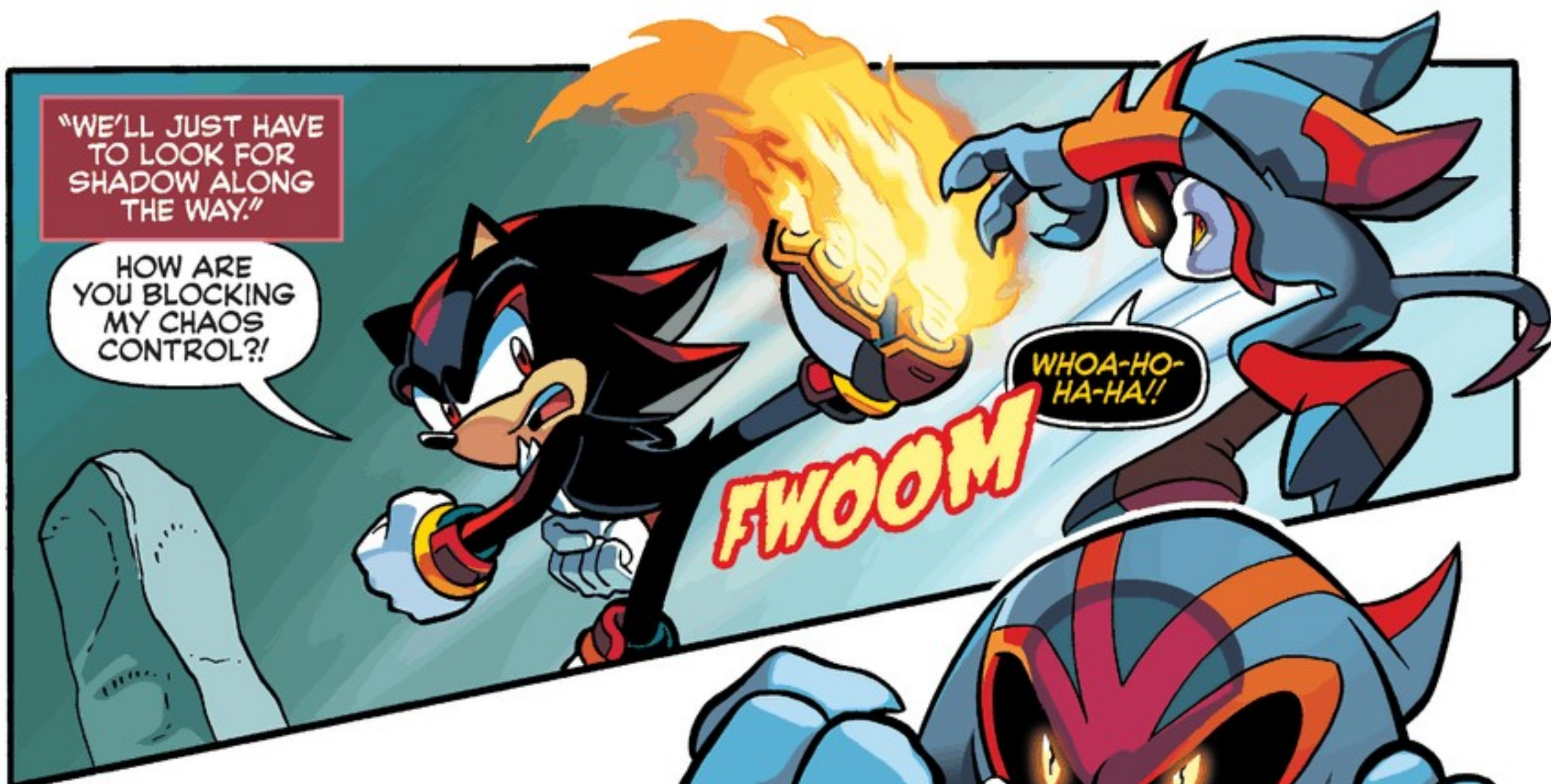
AND YOUR UNIT IS THE **ESCORT** FOR TEAM DARK! YOU FOLLOW **ME!**

...FINE. LEAD US. WE CAN'T WAIT AROUND, OTHERWISE WE'RE EASY PICKINGS.

ANY IDEAS, OMEGA?

I DETECT SOUNDS OF FALLING LIQUID THIS WAY. ANOTHER VERTICAL SHAFT SUGGESTS ACCESS TO DEEPER INTO THE COMET.

THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME. YOU TAKE THE POINT.



WE'RE OF ONE BLOOD, YOU AND I! "CHAOS CONTROL" IS JUST PART OF WHO WE ARE!





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"YOU REMEMBER THIS, RIGHT?
WHEN YOU DESTROYED BLACK DOOM,
YOU TOOK DOWN EVERY BLACK ARM
UNDER HIS COMMAND."*



*SHADOW THE
HEDGEHOG--
THE GAME

"BUT BLACK DOOM HAD LEFT A
LESSER-MIND BEHIND ELSEWHERE
TO FINISH ANOTHER CONQUEST.
THE LAST OF THE BLACK ARMS
ENDURED UNDER BLACK DEATH.



"THE LINK TO
OUR HIVE-MIND
IS **LIMITLESS!**
THROUGH THE
MASTER, BLACK
DEATH KNEW
OF GERALD
ROBOTNIK'S
BETRAYAL.
HE KNEW
ABOUT **YOU.**



"IF THE FULL MIGHT OF
THE MAIN BLACK ARMS
STRAIN COULDN'T STOP
YOU, WHAT CHANCE DID
HE HAVE? SO BLACK
DEATH MADE HIS
COUNTERMEASURE TO
YOU, THE 'ULTIMATE
LIFEFORM.'
HE MADE **ME.**"





"LIKE BLACK DOOM BEFORE HIM,
BLACK DEATH COMMANDS
THE HIVE-MIND. ALL OF THE
BLACK ARMS HERE ARE AN
EXTENTION OF HIS WILL."



"EXCEPT FOR ME.
I'M FREE TO ACT
OF MY OWN ACCORD.
FREE TO THINK AND
FIGHT YOU ON MY
OWN TERMS. THE
ULTIMATE ANSWER
TO THE ULTIMATE
PROBLEM."



"BUT...I'M ALSO
FREE TO QUESTION
IF THIS IS THE **ONLY**
WAY. THE WAY I SEE
IT, WE'RE AN EN-
DANGERED SPECIES.
THE BLACK ARMS ARE
NEARLY EXTINCT. SO
WOULDN'T WE BE SO
MUCH STRONGER
WITH THE **BOTH** OF
US WORKING
TOGETHER?"

"TWIN SONS OF
DARKNESS!
BROTHERS IN ARMS!
WORLDS WOULD
FOLD TO US, AND THE
BLACK ARMS WOULD
LIVE FOREVER!"



RRRGH!
I DESTROYED
YOU ONCE, I CAN
DO IT AGAIN!

"SHADOW, YOU'RE NOT
LISTENING! YOU DON'T
NEED TO FIGHT US! YOU
DON'T NEED TO PRETEND
YOU'RE ONE OF THEM!
YOU CAN FINALLY COME
HOME!"

MY **HOME** IS
THE SHATTERED
WORLD BELOW.

I MADE A
PROMISE TO
PROTECT THAT
WORLD. YOU AND
THE BLACK ARMS
WOULD SEE IT
DESTROYED.

MY
PATH IS
CLEAR!

RRGG...LOSING...
CONTROL...L-LITTLE
HELP...HERE...



BOOM

VREEEEEE

THERE IS NO
ESCAPE FROM

**DEATH'S
EYE!!**



PROMISES
WERE MADE TO
BE BROKEN.

THERE IS
NOTHING
ON THAT WORLD
FOR AN
IMMORTAL
LIKE YOU.

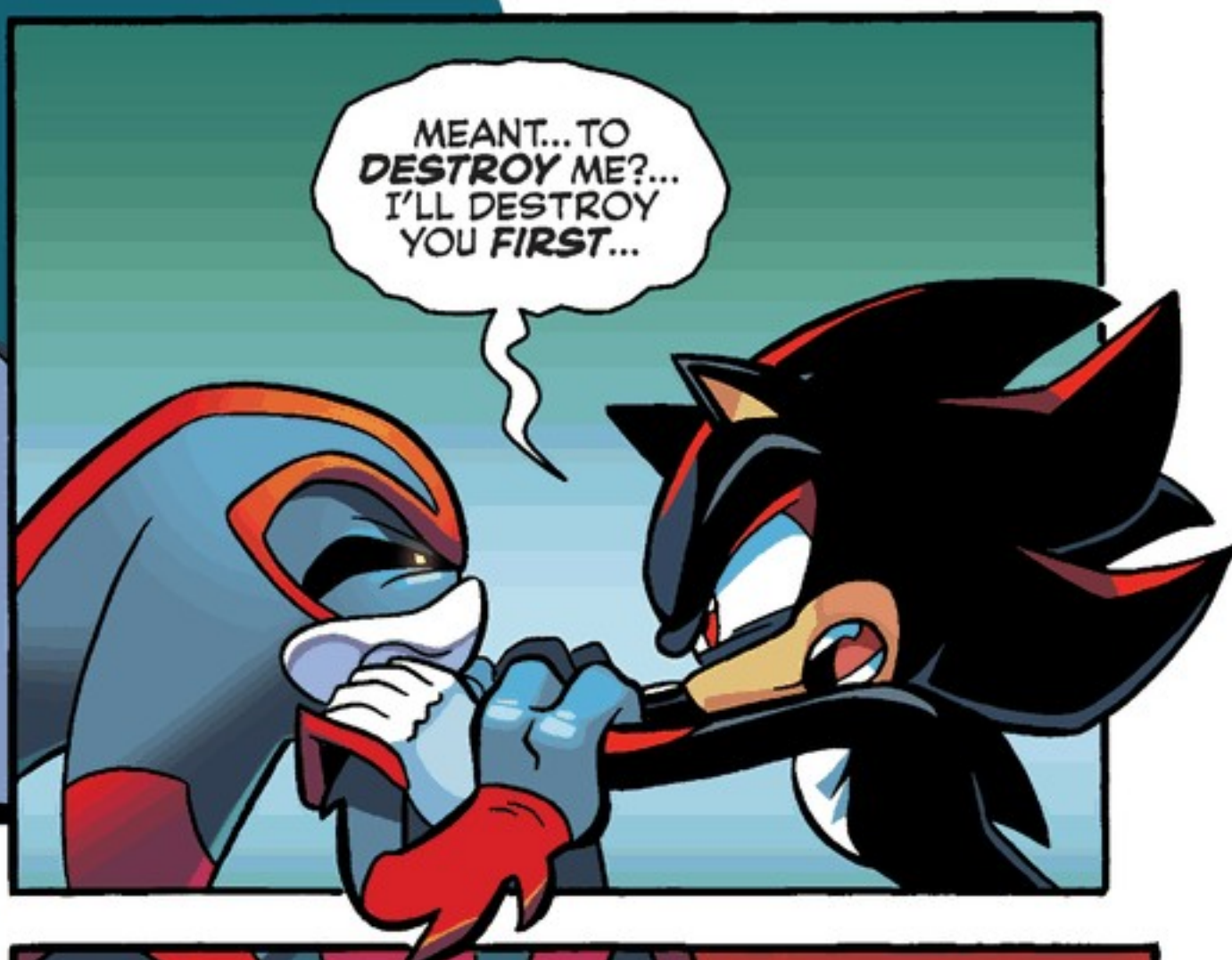
ONE DAY, THE
FRIENDS AND
RIVALS YOU
HAVE NOW WILL
MEAN NOTHING.
THEY'LL ALL BE
LONG GONE.

YOU WERE
BORN FROM THE
BLOOD OF THE
BLACK ARMS.

YOU HAVE
SEEN THE WORST
THAT WORLD HAS
TO OFFER.

YOU HAVE
OVERCOME THEIR
BEST. THEY ARE
BENEATH YOU.







REGARDLESS, YOUR PURPOSE WAS TO **DESTROY** HIM.

THIS IS THE **SECOND** TIME I'VE ALLOWED YOU TO SO FREELY PURSUE YOUR OWN AMBITIONS. HAD I NOT ASSISTED YOU NOW, YOU WOULD HAVE FAILED.

DO NOT LET THIS BECOME A MISTAKE.

THE DARK ARMS **WILL** BE OUR FINEST SOLDIERS, MASTER. AND SHADOW **WILL** MAKE US STRONGER! ALL OF THIS WILL BENEFIT US IN THE END, YOU'LL SEE.

I EXPECT IT TO BENEFIT US **NOW**. THE INVADERS ARE STUMBLING THEIR WAY CLOSER TO THE CORE OF THE COMET. IF THEY GET MUCH FARTHER, THEIR BOMB COULD DESTROY US ALL.

DESTROY THEM ALL! BRING ME THEIR BOMB! WE WILL USE IT TO PUNISH THE WORLD BELOW BEFORE WE HARVEST WHAT REMAINS!



MEANWHILE...

OKAY,
WHERE TO
NEXT?

PROCESSING.
I AM NO LONGER
DETECTING ANY
POSSIBLE AUDIO
CLUES.

THIS IS
RIDICULOUS.
WE'VE NO IDEA
WHERE WE'RE
GOING! LET'S
JUST SET THE
NUKE AND
GET OUT OF
HERE!

THAT'S A NEGATIVE,
LODGE! EVEN IF THE BLAST
KILLED ALL THE CREEPY-
CRAWLIES, CHUNKS OF THIS
ROCK COULD RAIN DOWN
ON WHAT'S LEFT OF OUR
PLANET. WE'RE DOING
THIS **RIGHT** OR NOT
AT ALL!

MY-MY.
WE'RE IN
TOTAL
AGREEMENT
FOR ONCE,
ANDREWS.

THE WORLD IS ALREADY
MESSED UP ENOUGH AS IT IS.*
I'M NOT RISKING ANYTHING
ELSE MAKING IT WORSE. ANY
WORD FROM SHADOW?

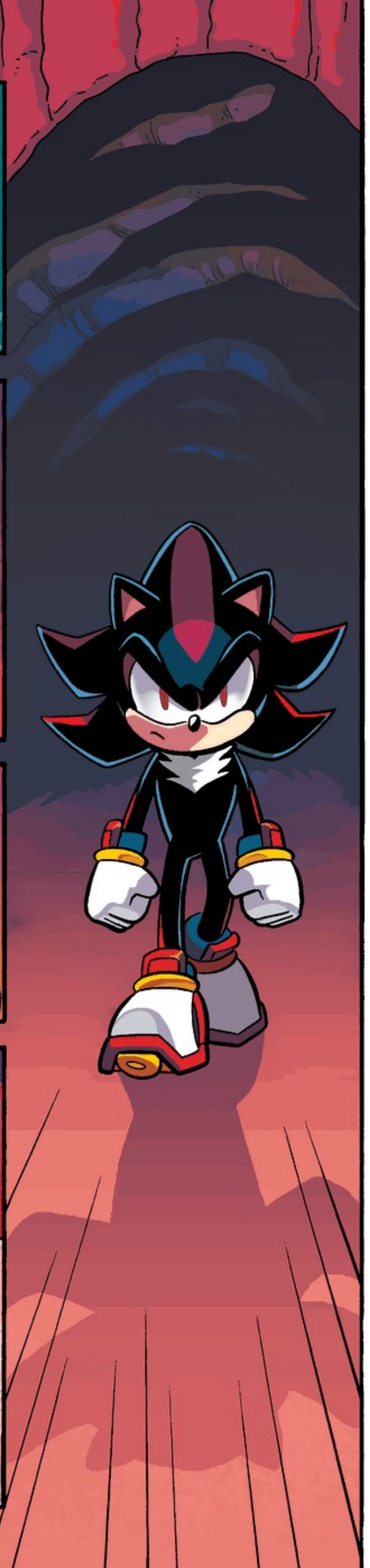
NO.
EITHER HE'S
BEEN CAPTURED,
OR HE'S DOING
HIS BROODING-
SOLO-THING.

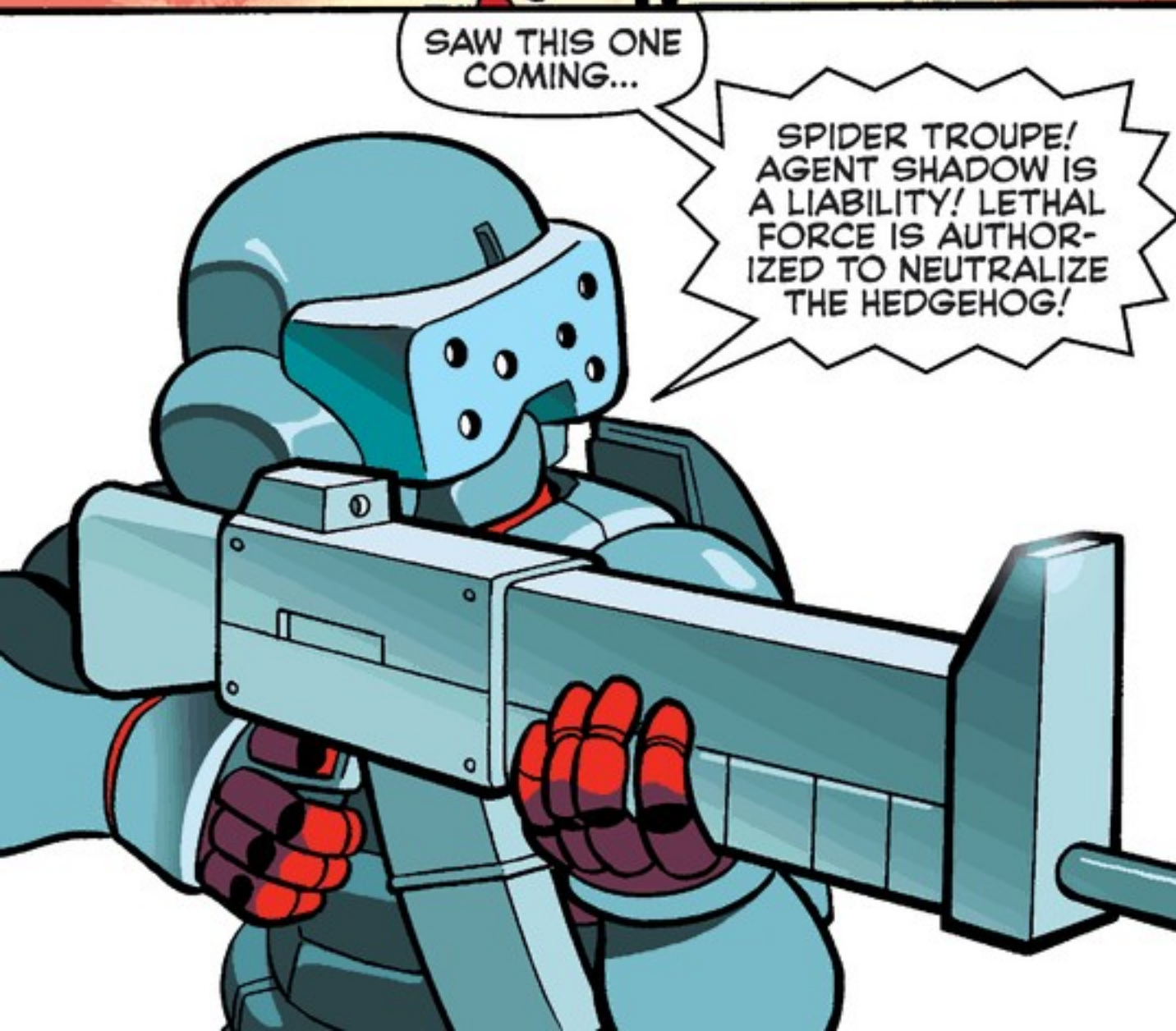
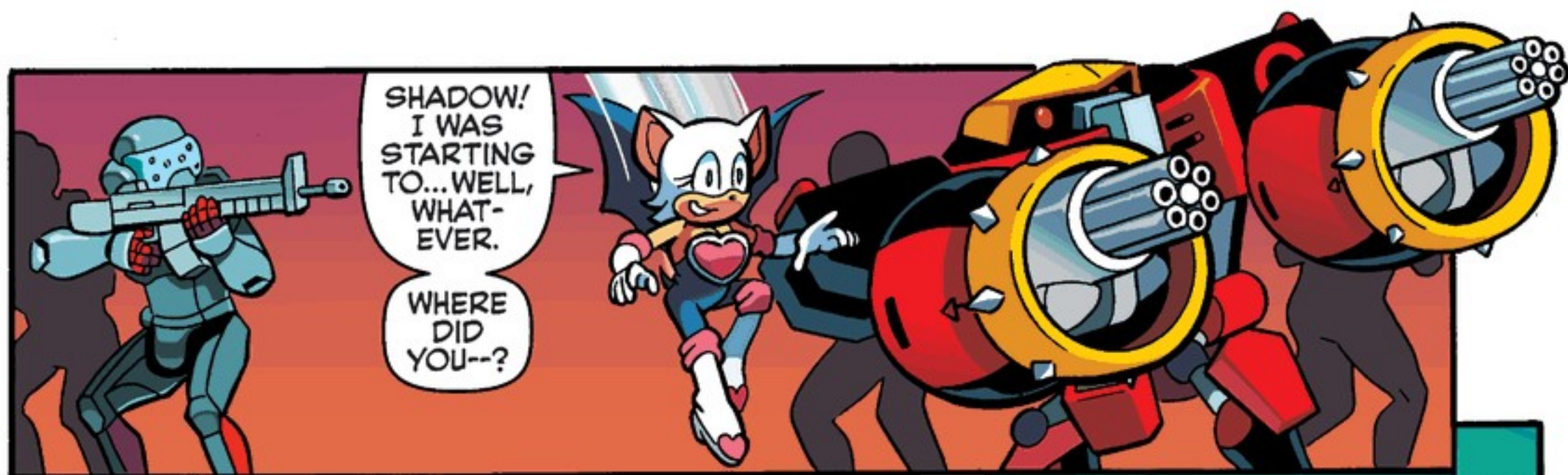
*THE SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS AS
SEEN IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG NOW!

IT **BETTER** BE
THE **FORMER**, BECAUSE
IF IT'S THE LATTER, I'M
GONNA KILL HIM.

TAKE A
NUMBER,
LADY.

HEY! BIG GUY!
WE CAN'T STAND AROUND
FOREVER! WHICH WAY TO
THIS COMET'S CORE SO WE
CAN VAPORIZE THIS
BAD BOY?









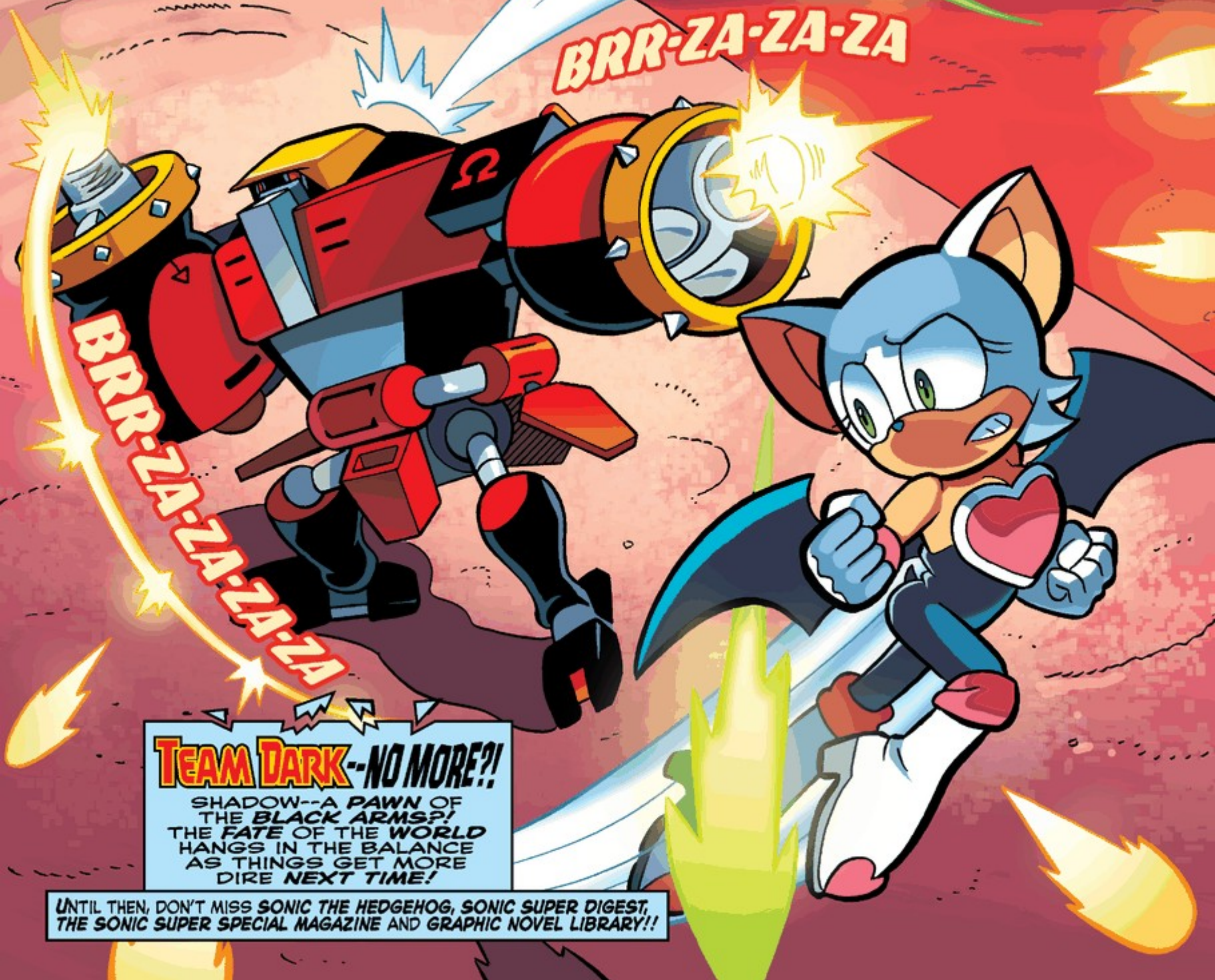
COWARDS.



WE'LL HANDLE THE HUMANS, SHADOW!
I'LL LEAVE THOSE TWO TO YOU,
"BROTHER."



BRR-ZA-ZA-ZA



BRR-ZA-ZA-ZA-ZA

TEAM DARK--NO MORE?!

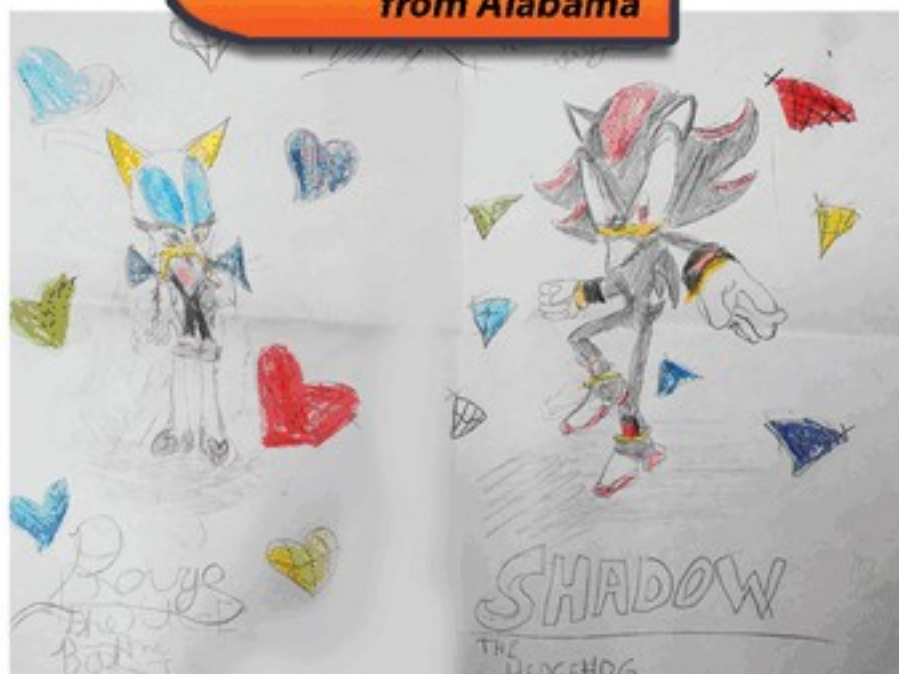
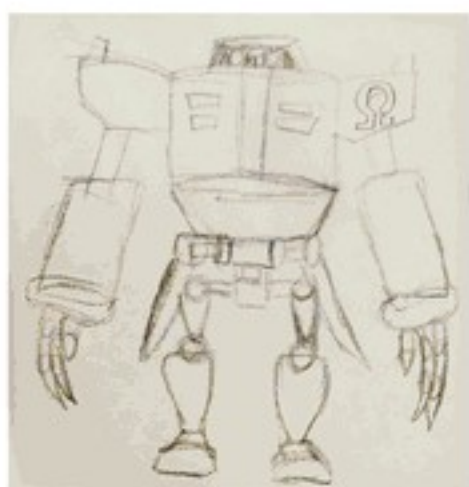
SHADOW--A PAWN OF
THE **BLACK ARMS**?!
THE FATE OF THE WORLD
HANGS IN THE BALANCE
AS THINGS GET MORE
DIRE NEXT TIME!

UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, SONIC SUPER DIGEST,
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Dear 'My Sonic
Universe,'
I have a few questions.

**The "usual" makes another
appearance!**

1. I saw the ending of Pirate
Plunder Panic. Will Captain
Metal (programed in the Egg O'
War) return?

**Burning Blaze certainly did a
number on the evil captain,
but you have to remember that
pirates are clever! The voyage
with Captain Metal is still
sailing! Read on!**

2. Why does Marine talk like a
pirate?

**Marine actually has an
Australian accent, however, her
lingo is adapted from the speech
heard on the seas! If you were
venturing across the ocean
wouldn't you want to talk like a
pirate?**

That is all. I hope I can write next
time.

Lucas C. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com
(p.s. I loved the crossover!)

**Thanks for the letter, Lucas!
You can write in as many times
as you'd like, we are always
happy to hear what you have
to say!**

Dear 'My Sonic
Universe,'

I am a long time reader and a
first time writer and I will have the
usual.

**Ah, I see you are no stranger to
how we answer fan-mail around
here!**

First off, I've read about the new
story arc Shadow Fall in the back
of a comic. You said Team Dark
has to fight aliens on a comet.
Does this have any reference to
the 2005 video game Shadow the
Hedgehog?

**It does! The events in Shadow
Fall occur after the story in that
game and are closely related.
This is an all-new Black Comet
containing the last few surviving
Black Arms. As for why they
are back is still to be revealed!
Keep reading Shadow Fall for the
answers!**

That's all from me!

Tanner S. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Good to hear from you, Tanner!

Dear 'My Sonic
Universe,'

Hi I am Nat from St. Louis!

Hey there pal!

I just wanted to ask if I am a
bad drawer now and I want to
work for Archie Comics in the
future what would I do?

Nat B. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

**Well Nat, if you want to be an
illustrator on the comics you
should take a lot of art classes
and aim for an art degree in
college! If drawing isn't your
cup of tea there are plenty of
other ways to contribute to
comics, but if you really want
to draw them you should send
in some of your current work,
we'd love to see it!**

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~~NOT IDEAS~~
GODS

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